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HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED 'WHY NOT CHERISE?'

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea rose which was created by crossing as seed and pollen parents two (2) unknown rose varieties. The varietal denomination of the new variety is 'WHY
10 NOT CHERISE?'.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Among the novel characteristics possessed by this new variety which distinguishes it from other varieties of which I am aware, is its dark orange-red flowers.

Asexual reproduction by propagation by budding of the new variety as performed in Wasco, California shows that the foregoing and other distinguishing characteristics come true to form and are established and transmitted through succeeding
20 propagations.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATION

The accompanying illustration shows typical specimens of the flowers of the new variety depicted in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make the same in a color illustration of this character.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

5 The following is a detailed description of 2-year budded plants of the new variety, with color terminology in accordance with *The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart* (RHSCC). The terminology used in color description herein refers to plate numbers in the aforementioned color chart. Phenotypic expression may vary with light availability, environmental and cultural 10 conditions.

The following observations are made of specimens grown outdoors in Wasco, California, during the month of November.

PLANT

15	Form:	Upright
	Growth:	Very vigorous
	Size:	Height about 5 feet; width about 3 feet
20	Foliage	
	Size:	Length about 3 inches; width about 1 1/2 inches
	Quantity:	About 5
	Color	
25	New foliage:	Upper side near 146B; under side near 182C
	Mature foliage:	Upper side near 147A; under side near 147C
	Shape:	Elliptic
30	Texture	Upper side smooth; under side matte
	Edge:	Serrated
	Serration:	Serrate

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5 Petioles: Top surface color near 146B;
Under side near 147C
Stipules: Medium
Auricle: Small, slightly serrated
Rachis: Smooth
Variegation: None
10 Veination: None

WOOD

15 New shoots
Bark: Smooth
Wood: Near 46A
Old wood
Bark: Smooth
Wood: Near 137C
Flowering stem: Length between 4 1/2 to 6
inches
Winter Hardiness: Completely winter hardy
Resistance to Disease: Fair
Temperature range: Between 16° and 120° F

25 Internode spacing: Usual

Preferred growing

conditions: Full sun

Growth habit: Upright

Leaves per stem: About 7

30 FLOWER/INFLORESCENCE

Blooming Habit: Continuous

Bud About 1 1/2 inches

Form: High centered

5 Color: Before sepals divide color near 46B; when sepals first divide color near 47B; when petals begin to unfurl color near 47D

10 Sepals: Regular; thin on end, thicker on tip

15 Size: Length in relation to bud about 1 3/8 inches

20 Color Topside near 158A; bottom near 147B

25 Peduncle

Length: About 4 1/2 inches

Strength: Erect

Color: Near 139D

Flower

Size: About 5 2/3 inches

Borne: Single

Form: Very high centered

Petalage: About 42

25 Petaloids in center: Few; between 3 to 4

Persistence: Good

Fragrance: Medium

Lasting Quality: About 3 weeks on plant; about 7 days after cutting

30 Color

During first 2 days: Inner petals at flower center topside near 46C; bottom near 46D; outer petals topside near 47D, bottom near 48C

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5	Base of petals (Point of attachment):	Near 2A
10	General tonality from a distance:	Near 4C
15	Color Change:	Fades slightly; after 3 or more days fades to near 49A
20	Petals	
25	Texture:	Thick
30	Shape:	Wider than long
35	Arrangement:	Imbricated
	Appearance:	Velvety front / satiny back
15	REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS	
20	Arrangement of stamens, Filaments and Anthers:	Regularly arranged around styles
25	Color:	Filaments near 48A; Anthers near 48C
30	Pollen:	No pollen
35	Styles:	Medium length; color near 47C
	Hips/Seed Vessels/Ovaries	
25	Shape:	Round
30	Size:	Small; about 1/2 inch
35	Color:	Near 140A
	Seeds:	No seeds